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IF the old saying is true that "a chain is no stronger than its weakest link," it should also be true that the British Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is no stronger than its branches. Spread throughout England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales are 76 groups of "Saints" meeting together, working together, and living together the Gospel of our Saviour. What are they doing? How strong are they in the faith? How hard are they working to do God's will in this mission?

Our District News each month doesn't often show any side of branch activities but the purely social one, and so in this month's issue there have been included two articles which give some indication of other aspects of our branch work.

Throughout the mission in the past few months there has been a large scale beautification and improvement of meeting places programme along with an intensified system of missionary work. Many new branches have been opened to make the Gospel available in all its beauty to more people (see page 298), and at the same time, new coats of paint, new curtains, new carpets, and new leases on life have been given to our places of worship. How well these programmes have succeeded is attested by the results and the spirit of the members. Moreover, many fine people have been brought to investigate and eventually acknowledge the truthfulness of this work either by participating or watching others participate in the various activities of these "Saints."

The cover picture this month shows three brothers working to improve the branch building in Bradford (see page 297). Standing on the scaffold at the left is Bradford Sunday School Superintendent John Bradbury, seated on the left is Welfare Work Director Bob Amer, and on the right is Fred Laycock, first counsellor in the branch presidency. They all now have the nonchalant air of men who have gained confidence in working twenty feet or so above the ground on a board—an air they assure us they didn't always possess. They love and enjoy the work because they're doing it in the spirit which God showers upon all those working for Him. They know, as we all know, that He's the best "boss" there is.

Read about what these two representative branches out of 76 have done in the last year, then you'll not need to ask how well the Lord's work is being carried on both spiritually and temporally in our mission. You'll know it's going very well indeed!

But there's lots more still to do, and if you haven't already done so, better hurry up and get to work!

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(Four hundred and thirty-three years have elapsed since that eventful day on November 1st, 1517, when Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. Historians looking back on that event call it "the birthday of the Protestant Reformation.")

Candles in the Night

By

ELDER HARLAN Y. HAMMOND

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THE year 1517. England and Spain were the two great powers of Europe. Just eight years before Henry VIII had come to the English throne, and had married his brother's widow, Catherine of Aragon, at the tender age of nineteen. In Spain a disappointed law student, Hernando Cortez, who was in the service of Don Nicolas de Ovando, Governor of Santo Domingo, was laying plans with his superior officer, Velasquez, for the conquering of Mexico. Four years before, France had seen the English army cross the channel and rout the French at Guinnegatte. But Henry, who himself had led his own army to this victory, realised that France was too vast to conquer and returned to England to find new methods to accomplish his objectives using international diplomacy.

Power seemed to be the keynote of the century. The power of the Pope, beginning with Innocent III in 1198, had reached its zenith and for four centuries had held indisputable sway over the princes of Europe. But now, at the beginning of the sixteenth century with such great leaders as Henry VIII in England, Francis I of France, and Charles V of Spain, a new feeling of nationalism was emerging. The power of the Pope must be restrained to allow these infant states room for growth. Rome was still the capital of the world, and in 1506 Pope Leo X began to sink even deeper the foundations of Roman culture by commencing the erection of the "cathedral of cathedrals," St. Peter's. In order to pay for this, a general sale of indulgences was proclaimed.

In February of the year 1517, Dr. Martin Luther in a sermon spoke the following protest to the hawking of indulgences. "Indulgences are teaching the people to dread the punishment

of sin, instead of sin itself." A Dominican prior, John Tetzel, was commissioned by the Pope as the indulgence hawker for central Germany and personally led the grand procession carrying a great red cross. In front of him came the Pontiff's Bull of Grace and in the rear came the mules laden with the bales of pardons. When Tetzel's procession came to the borders of Saxony, Frederick's officials refused him admittance; however some of the people of Wittenburg travelled about twenty miles to contact Tetzel, afterwards returning to confess their sins to their priest, Martin Luther. Luther's indignation was aroused.

The sharp wraps of a hammer echoed through the streets of the little village of Wittenburg, Germany, on All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1517. Many of the villagers were surprised to find the notice that had been nailed to the Castle Church door was challenging the efficacy of John Tetzel, and thereby of the Pope himself. The authority of the Pope never heretofore had been questioned and the small group of peasants, as they stood around the door of the Castle Church with looks of awe, little realised his challenge would change the future course of Christianity. Neither did Luther, for his only thought was to correct an abuse on the rights of the laity of the church. His "conscience" told him that the human soul would not "fly out of purgatory as soon as the money rattled in the chest," as he so aptly wrote in his 27th Thesis.

It did not take long for word to reach Rome and in 1521 a "Diet" was held in Worms to give Luther the opportunity to retract his former accusations against Pope and church. Here Luther openly declared for individual freedom

of conscience. "I cannot submit my faith either to the Pope or to the council . . . and unless they thus render my conscience bound by the word of God, I cannot and will not retract, for it is unsafe for a Christian to speak against his conscience."

This statement caused Henry VIII in the same year to produce a scholarly work attacking Luther, which caused the Pope to gratefully acknowledge Henry as "Defender of the Faith." But six years later when Henry attempted to induce Pope Clement VII to declare his marriage with Catherine null and void, the Pope, to Henry's eyes, seemed to forget his act of clemency and ignored his request. Henry, left to his own stratagems, went to the learned universities of Europe and received their written opinions as to whether Henry's marriage to Catherine was legal. When Henry found these statements pleasantly siding with him, he had them read before Parliament in 1531 and two years later secretly married Anne Bolyen.

Since it was impossible for him to receive a papal blessing, Henry together with his advisors, decided to sever completely the relations with Rome and influenced Parliament to pass the Act of Appeals in 1533 and in 1534 the Act of Supremacy, the latter act making him "the only supreme head on earth of the Church of England." Thus with state legislation, the "Vicar of Christ" on earth was dethroned and Henry, King of England,

mounted in the papal stead. Though the legislation was sweeping, it in no wise affected the doctrine of the Anglo-Catholic Church, and when Cranmer wrote the First Prayer Book in 1549 there was little in it that offended the Roman doctrine.

The same did not hold sway with the bold reforms of the impetuous Wittenburg monk. He did not hesitate to declare the practices of the church contrary to scripture whenever he could and often did it with a vulgarity and bluntness reminiscent of his boyhood peasant life. If it had not been for the hatred of the German princes for the oligarchy at Rome, Luther might not have succeeded. It was with mingled satisfaction and delight that the princes and the people rallied to the capable leadership of one whose fear was undaunted in the pursuit of the truth. So it was that only a few years elapsed before nearly all of Germany had arrayed themselves under Luther and accepted his doctrine. The next thing for the German princes to do



The Castle Church door in Wittenburg, Germany.

when they found their subjects rallying to Luther's support was to invite him to outline his church government and procedure. Again this strengthened the growing feeling of nationalism sweeping Europe.

Floods of protest were being heaped up against the Catholic Church, protests by no means bearing the stamp of uniformity. For though Henry had lit the candle in England and Luther in Germany, the theology of these two

men were as different as night and day. Switzerland, too, was to bear her sons of protest, and Ulrich Zwingli, born in Wildhau, at the southern end of Lake Constance a year before Luther, was brought up to be a priest, liberal in his religious beliefs but conservative in his declaration of them. Where Luther held that anything that was not expressly forbidden by the scriptures might be accepted, Zwingli declared just the opposite. Zwingli's final break with Rome came over the observance of Lent. To him there was no warrant in scripture for the abstinence from meat during Lent.

In 1529, Luther and Zwingli met in the castle of Langrave in Marburg. The conference met to affect some agreement in the principles of these two men and thus help unite and strengthen the protestant cause. Luther and Zwingli agreed on nearly all points, one of the few points of disagreement being the doctrine of the holy sacrament. Luther held that the words of Christ, "This is my body," were to be taken literally to mean that the elements of the bread and wine were "envelopes" to the actual flesh and blood of the Saviour. Zwingli, on the other hand, declared that the expression was to be taken symbolically, much like the story of Christ at Jacob's well when he told the woman of Samaria that he had "living waters" to give that would leave no after thirst. Just as this was symbolic, said Zwingli, so was his expression "This is my body." Because of this split over doctrine, Zwingli, who lit the candle in Switzerland, and Luther parted without shaking hands and the protestant reformation was left again to the winds of fate.

Three years before this eventful meeting of Luther and Zwingli, a conference was held at Upsala, Sweden, which discussed many doctrinal questions of the faith. Olaf Paterson, pastor of Stockholm, in reply to many of these questions, asserted that the holy writ was above anyone's interpretation. Olaf settled the power of the Pope in Sweden by declaring that the power given the Pope was power to

preach the gospel only and that this was purely a spiritual power. And thus were relations severed with the Pope at Rome and the candle lit in Sweden.

France, another powerful state of Europe, was not left without a reformer, and during these eventful years in the early 1530's, John Calvin, the scholar of the reformation, was converted to protestantism, the time and place of his conversion being uncertain, but the conversion, none the less, was a complete inner change of heart. Calvin set to work to write a scholarly defence of his belief of the utter depravity of man. We are "the sweepings and refuse of the world, or whatever else may be more vile, to such a degree that there remains nothing with which to glorify ourselves before God, if it be not with His mercy, by which without any merit of our own we are saved." This was the central thought in Calvin's "Institutes of the Christian Religion," written and dedicated to Francis I.

Like Luther, Calvin was educated in the principal universities of his time; unlike Luther, he brought the principles of logic into the realm of theology. Whereas Luther adhered stubbornly and literally to the scriptures, Calvin produced a theology which he thought did not in any way contradict the scriptures, nor did it depend entirely on them for its support. It was based on an inner cleansing which only the elect experienced.

Thus by men who were inspired of God was the way prepared for mankind to think for themselves, and a new age of enlightenment began to shine forth. Men were beginning to read the scriptures, ponder over their simple truths, and set their own lives to conform to the teachings of the Master. Though many attempts were made to unify the protestant reformation, all failed. The central theme underlying the work of all these men—Luther, Calvin, Paterson, Zwingli, and others—was to bring the church back to the teachings of the Saviour, but each, it seems, had different inter-

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HUMILITY

ELDER QUINN G. MCKAY

"**H**E certainly is humble"—a complimentary phrase often uttered when someone is speaking of a missionary. Then too, many of us have heard this statement of another's characteristics and abilities: "He certainly knows the Gospel well, but he doesn't seem to be very humble."

No matter what our calling is as followers of Christ—full time missionary or otherwise—humility is one of the essentials to be able to accomplish our work as God would have us. Listed as part of the instructions given to all who would "embark in the service of God" in this dispensation is the admonition to "Remember faith, virtue, . . . **humility**, and diligence." (D. and C. 4:6) It can easily be seen why this would be included in such instructions, for, as President Alma Sonne once said, "Humility is the mental characteristic that puts God first." Keeping God foremost in our minds gives us a nearness to our Creator which always keeps us subject to His Spirit, while, on the other hand, if we have not this mental characteristic, we soon become proud and boastful, thinking of ourselves: "I converted so many people," or "I can give a much better talk than he did." Pride and boastfulness are enemies of humility.

The All Powerful blesses us with all that we have. But sometimes when we gain a little wealth or knowledge, we start thinking to ourselves, "Well, I can get by on my own. I've done this by myself, and I can do more." In order to restore this attribute again it seems that we must experience a disaster, setback, or the loss of something that is near to us before, in our humility, we again recognise the importance of our Creator.

Among the impressive parables that our Saviour told is one we can all take a lesson from on this subject: "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this Publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." (Luke 18: 10-14)

A Publican was a man who collected taxes and was greatly detested by the Jews. In fact, any Jew who undertook this work was excommunicated. They were looked down upon by their associates as being terrible sinners. The Pharisee, on the other hand, being one of the Jewish groups who prided themselves on their strict observance of the Law, felt himself immediately justified above the other. But Jesus, in His masterful way, showed the importance of humility and indicated that we cannot be justified without it.

My prayer is that we may all humble ourselves by recognising God's goodness to us and acknowledging our own weaknesses before Him in our prayers, laying aside all of our self-righteousness and boastfulness.

By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them

EITHER make the tree good and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit . . . A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." (Math. 12: 33, 35). The Saviour, when being accused by the Pharisees of casting out devils by the power of Beelzebub, uttered these wonderful words of wisdom. Even after this wise council, the Pharisees were insistent upon seeing a sign from the Master, and of course we know the answer

By ELDER HERBERT WILKINSON

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which He gave them: "An evil and an adulterous generation seeketh after a sign."

We in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are proud of the fruits which are produced by living the commandments of God. Because of the practicability of our religion, we are not bound to show signs to non-believers to convince them of the truths of the Gospel, but we should be bound by the Spirit of God which



Left to right.

Top row: The American flag, in honour of the missionaries, flown next to the Finnish flag outside of the Finnish athletic centre, Vierumaki. (2) The class in basketball at Vierumaki being instructed by Elder Herbert Wilkinson.

Bottom row: Mr. Castren, Secretary of the Finnish Basketball Association, Elder Herbert Wilkinson, and Elder Arnold Isaakson. (4) Some of the Finnish elders on top of the building at Vierumaki.

dwells within us to show the fruits of the harvest which can only come by living these commandments. We don't brag or boast of our good works to the belittlement of other men, nor do we consider ourselves superior in and of ourselves. We realise that the blessings and opportunities we have are given us by the Lord and also that these should be used as a further means of serving him in humility and righteousness. "For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it?" (1 Cor. 4: 7).

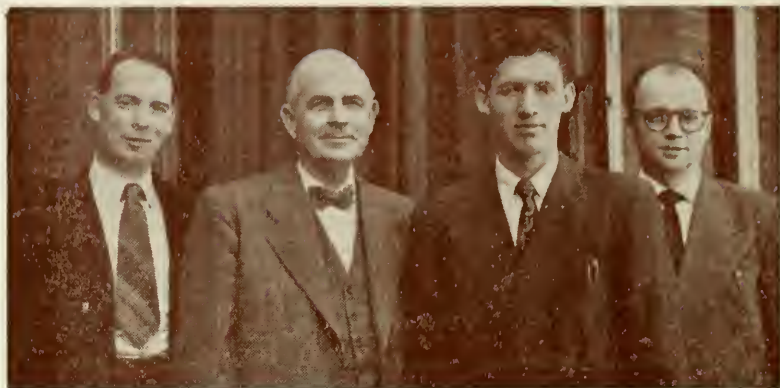
Just recently the fruits of some of our labours have come up before a memorial to the Finnish people. A letter was received from the Finnish Mission quoting the **Helsingin Sanomat**, a daily paper published in Helsinki, which speaks of the results of a missionary basketball programme. The article included the following: "Besides all the technical help, the L.D.S. brethren have showed us in these games such a splendid brotherly example that in this we have found another priceless teaching and learning item. When L.D.S. has lost, it has been done in a splendid example, without carrying any hatred. The secret is simply this, that every man has played his best so that no one has any regrets. 'The better team won and it was a fine game' is the compliment of the brethren in these cases as they smilingly congratulate their opponents."

In Finland, as is the case in many missions, all possible means of proselyting have been adopted. It seems that the elders in most of the foreign countries of the world are considered to be the "authorities" as far as basketball is concerned, and this is true in Finland also. The 1952 World Olympics are scheduled to be held in Helsinki, and since the Finnish elders were the victors in a tournament including Sweden, Finland, and Denmark, they were called upon to assist the Finnish Basketball Association to prepare their

teams for this important occasion. They also requested permission to bring me from England to aid their coaching staff at the school.

The first week of the proposed three weeks was devoted to the instruction of the twenty best basketball players in Finland. This close association was a valuable experience for us in that we were able to become quite intimately acquainted with these boys and had many opportunities of preaching the Gospel. The elders requested that the Finnish boys and elders be mixed so that there would be at least one elder in each room. Because of this arrangement, a regular evening and morning prayer was made possible with the elder acting as mouth. Most of us were also able to hold a Gospel discussion every night before retiring. After this pleasant week which was held at Vierumäki, an athletic club resort near Lakti, four of us began a circuit trip around Southern Finland. The object of this trip was to instruct in basketball, playing a game in each city, and holding as many public religious meetings as possible. Our usual procedure was to spend two days in each city, covering seven cities in all. The Finnish-speaking elders usually tracted about three hours the first day and announced the public meeting which was to be held that night. I frequently went tracting with one of them, but of course I couldn't enter into the conversations! The people were very friendly and most of them invited us into their homes almost before we had greeted them, but we wanted to contact as many as possible, and so we just gave them our message and continued on our way. I was very anxious to see how many of these people would come to our meetings and to see if their friendship was really genuine. To my happy surprise we had about seventy-five people in the congregation the first night, and we continued to have fifty to seventy-five to each meeting in the other cities. As I sat in these meetings, I was convinced that the Lord inspires His

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Loyalty to Britain

WHEN we give serious thought to what Great Britain has given to the rest of the world, we immediately sense the obligation and debt that is due her. President Heber J. Grant many times in his discourses to the people who were members of the Church used to point out that people generally are very forgetful and usually very ungrateful for favours and blessings already received. Certainly true members of the Church should ever be conscious and appreciative of their benefactors.

As world citizens, how can we ride the rails of any country and enjoy its benefits without thinking of that great Englishman, Watt, who first discovered the power of steam, and that other equally great man from Britain, Stevenson, who built the first steam engine? How would the missionaries of the Church have reached their destinations and been able to preach the Gospel in foreign lands without the use of this marvellous discovery and invention?

When you give some thought to the sick and ailing of the world, does your heart not tingle when you think of Doctor Lister of Scotland who first discovered the anaesthetic, making it possible for operations to be performed without any pain to the patient?

When you reach for the telephone

to talk to your friend in the city or your relative in a distant land, it's only natural that you should think very kindly of Alexander Graham Bell who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Also coming from that part of the British Isles were the great characters of Walter Scott, Robert Burns, Harry Lauder, and others that helped make our reading, our literary quest, and our entertainment more enjoyable.

In this same field we shall all remember with a feeling of thanksgiving the immortal Shakespeare and the talented Brownings.

But as interesting and important as are all these contributions to the great development of the world and the advancement of civilisation, possibly England's greatest contribution has been that of a system of democracy, free government, and especially a bill of rights. The result of this latter gift has been fair play, which has been synonymous with England over the years.

Britain has also had some wonderful statesmen that have possibly not been surpassed by the statesmen of any other great nation. The government of this country has had its ups and downs and is now going through a great political experiment, but in the main it has maintained a political

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The Lord has told us not to be forgetful hearers but

Doers of the Work

TO the casual observer, the recent notice declaring the Bradford Chapel closed until the completion of the decorating would not cause much concern. To the members, however, it was entirely a different story—a story of planning, **HARD WORK**, and above all, a will to succeed.

Like all stories, this one had a beginning. It started back at the time of Spring Conference in April of this year. The condition of the branch property had been a concern of the branch presidency for a long time because there seemed to be so much work to be done that it was entirely beyond the means of the branch to repair it themselves. President Stayner Richards had heard of the need and arranged with Stanley Robertshaw, the branch president, to indicate to him when he came to conference the work which most needed attention. After having seen it, he instructed Brother Robertshaw to obtain estimates for the work required, but he also made the observation that it would be nice for the members to take an active part in beautifying the building.

As soon as conference was over, the branch leaders formed a Welfare Committee of members, made up of the branch president, the Relief Society president, the men's work director, and the women's work director; advisory members were the district welfare chairman, district president, and the branch missionaries.

President Richards had instructed us to obtain carpets for the chapel floor, and so it was obvious that the interior decorations must be the first item on the beautification programme. A meeting of the committee was called for the purpose of deciding the colour schemes, the material required, and the many associated problems. With those things all determined, the next job was the work itself.

Now let's draw a mental picture of

the chapel. As one enters the front door, there is a foyer with two doors leading into the chapel proper, one left and one right. The seating accommodation for about three hundred people has been installed since the purchase of the building by our church and is of the cinema type—laid out in three blocks. The rostrum and stand rise above the main level of the chapel, and the branch president's office is on one side of them and the library on the other. The room itself is sixty-three feet long, forty-eight feet wide, and about eighteen feet high. These dimensions are a good indication of the tremendous amount of work to be done by comparatively inexperienced men, but with all these facts in mind and lots of enthusiasm to help us, we commenced work on Monday, September 4th, 1950.

If we had thought the work was going to be easy, we soon learned differently. The scaffolds were hired from a firm in the city. We had tried to borrow them from friends but they had refused, thinking that it was not safe for us to undertake the work. But we were convinced at the outset—and still are—that the Lord will protect us while we are doing His work if we do it with His Spirit in our midst at all times.

September 4th! Conference was scheduled in four weeks, and thus our deadline date was September 30th!

The problems came thick and fast, but they were soon beaten down by the united efforts of all the workers who joined in. One of the ugliest of these difficulties was that of erecting the scaffolds on the three tiered floor of the stand. It was finally overcome—after a lot of mental effort—by removing the seats and packing the feet of the trestles. It took us three days to cover the ceiling and walls over the stand, and then, with the hardest part

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... As the seed swelleth, and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow, then you must needs say that

The Seed is Good

(Alma 32: 30)

TWENTY years ago in Huddersfield there was a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. What happened to it between that time and the time about a year ago when my story begins, I do not know, but what has happened in the last year is worth repeating, I think, because it may be an inspiration to other branches to go ahead and accomplish more.

When I first came to England, I worked in Birstall, near Leeds, with Elder Longhurst. We used to go over to Huddersfield once in a while to see some of the few members that were left there and also to see how Sister Crowther was getting along with her home Primary. There wasn't an organized branch there at the time. I often wished I could come to Huddersfield to work, but I didn't think that the chance would ever be mine.

When President William Earnshaw was labouring as district president in Leeds, he decided that it would be a good idea to open up Huddersfield again. I believe he was guided by the hand of the Lord, even though when the first two elders came here, they

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found the going hard. It still is, but through the blessings of God, one of the main purposes for this move has been accomplished—a branch has been established so that those people who are honest in heart and who have a desire to seek for further truth and knowledge have a place to worship the Lord.

Nearly a year ago the missionaries started looking for a hall in which to meet. They were blocked at every turn. When they did find suitable places, people from other churches voted against letting the Latter-day Saints use the buildings. One man even publicly announced through the paper that it was on religious grounds that he had taken such an action. Ministers from some of the pentecostal groups said they would do all in their power to stop the Mormons. One even inferred by his talk that we did not preach Christ and that the people should not associate with our church at all.



Huddersfield Sunday School

The Lord has said that the ways of men are not His ways. It seems as if He wanted the branch to be started—and He wanted it done in His own way.

With no place to hold services forthcoming, the Lord led the elders to the Buckleys. At first there was a promise that they would not preach religion, but the curiosity of the people became aroused eventually and finally got the best of them. As the principles of the Gospel were unfolded to them, they were convinced of the truth and three members of the family were baptised. Once they were in the church, it seemed as if they couldn't do enough for it. They opened up their home for a Home Sunday School, and when Huddersfield was organised into a branch on June 25th of this year, they let the branch hold evening services in their home also. At this first branch meeting, there were 24 people—and it has been growing ever since.

Finally, after a year of searching,

Huddersfield has now been blessed with a hall. A club was found which had to be closed down, and through the efforts of the members, the missionaries and friends, all of whom spent many long hours fixing and scrubbing, we now have a lovely place in which to meet. The members have also donated many things to the building itself such as a piano, forms, towel racks, and a fine table for the Sacrament.

The hall was opened on the 6th day of August for our branch conference with a fine attendance of 26.

It is really a pleasure to work among people with the spirit of the Gospel and a love for the Lord's work. All of them have pulled together and have accomplished a great deal to help bring the true Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people who need its light.

And they've proven that when you work in unity and love with the Spirit of God to help, there's nothing you can't do!

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of the work behind us (we hope), we had a level floor to stand the trestles on.

There is a saying which says that an army marches on its stomach. Our genealogical chairman, Sister Whitaker, realised that not only did this apply for the army but also for hungry workers and therefore set about making the most interesting and satisfying contribution to the undertaking—this last statement was agreed upon by the unanimous vote of the workers. She provided the food which was quickly disposed of on our first evening of work.

At the time of writing, half the ceiling and part of the walls have been distempered. As we move along from the stand, the ladies—from nine to ninety—follow on with the scrubbing brushes, the soap, and the elbow grease. That way the job keeps moving along and no time is wasted.

Not everything has gone smoothly.

We have made mistakes, but we are learning from them. It wouldn't be fun to have it otherwise. This first rest day since we started, the brethren have gotten together to buy a spray gun. We can try anything once! We found also that it feels very queer to be fifteen feet up in the air on nothing but a plank. It looked at first like twenty-five feet to the floor when we got up there, but like anything else, confidence is gained by practice—and we're getting enough of that! Why, even the women are climbing them now! And confidentially, most of the men wouldn't trade their jobs on the scaffolds for the one with a bucket and brush—that's too much like work!!

We've found that working together has given us a tremendous amount of joy. We have grown in unity and love for each other, and our building is rapidly becoming the kind of place we can be proud of—a suitable place to worship God and feel His Spirit.

Why not try doing the same thing yourself? It's fun. We know.



MUCH has been said and done by efficiency experts in promoting better and more efficient work habits in the business world and stressing the importance of work-planning as a means of saving time. So important was this idea that factory workers operating on a war-time basis were urged to submit their ideas as to how their working conditions could be bettered in order to conserve on time and effort.

As on the business front, so on the home front should we be efficiency experts in our own homes in planning our home work, marketing and shopping so that as much spare time as possible can be devoted to the more pleasurable aspects of home making, thus freeing us from the drudgery usually associated with house work and making it a joy instead of a daily bugaboo.

The really efficient housewife will have a daily plan of work and carry that plan through as conveniently as possible, taking into consideration that there will be occasions when that plan cannot be carried out due to unexpected visitors, sickness in the home, and other eventualities. The homemaker who puts herself on a daily schedule, allotting a certain amount of time to each of the tasks she must perform, will find that the time that has previously been wasted in an over-the-fence conversation with her next door neighbour or reading the latest feature article in her favourite magazine will now be used advantageously in holding to a set schedule with plenty of time after the household chores are done for one to indulge in other pleasures.

In meal preparation, one method of saving time is in washing up the

By EVA COLLARD

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kitchen utensils—egg beater, measuring spoons, cups, etc.—after each operation so that when the food is prepared and ready to be served, extraneous pots and pans and dishes will be out of the way, leaving only the eating utensils and dishes to be cleaned up after the meal has been completed.

Time is an element to be considered in doing the weekly marketing for the family. Plan on a specific shopping day in the week, and throughout the week make a list of the things that you require so that your time at the market will be used to better advantage. Try to avoid the trip to the butcher followed in an hour by a trip to the greengrocer, with perhaps a visit to the market for other supplies later in the day. Plan your purchases so that time is saved not only in going to and from the market, but also in the time spent there while making the purchases.

Next week try scheduling your daily household chores, and plan wisely your shopping trips, and it will surprise you how much more time each day seems to afford you.

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This month's recipes:

APPLE CRISP

Peel, core and slice 8 apples. Cover with one cup hot water. Combine one cup sugar, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour, one teaspoon cinnamon and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter. After thoroughly mixing, sprinkle over apples. Bake in moderate oven until brown and apples are done.

FRUIT CREAM PIE

Heat $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk in double boiler.

When hot add 3 tablespoons cornflour moistened in milk. Cook until smooth and thoroughly done, stirring constantly. Add a pinch of salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, and 2 egg yolks, beaten well. Cook two or three minutes. Remove from stove and beat in 1 tablespoon butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Let stand until cool and pour into baked pie shell. Cover with fruit—bananas, pineapple, rhubarb, or nicely sweetened plums. Cover with meringue, made with two egg whites beaten stiff, to which 2 tablespoons sugar and a few drops vanilla flavouring have been added. Return to oven and brown slightly.

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HELPFUL HINTS

Some food jobs can be done to best advantage under running water. To prevent tears, peel onions under water. A quick and easy way to wash

BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

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servants to send missionaries to His children when they are prepared to receive the Gospel. The Finnish Mission has only been opened about three years but the work is certainly growing rapidly.

As we proceeded on our trip we had the opportunity of attending the Latter-day Saint services on Sundays in the various cities. Although I couldn't understand the language except through an interpreter, I could feel the same spirit, love, and friendship that exists in any of our meetings. The opportunity of meeting and getting acquainted with the Finnish people in general was one of the big highlights of the trip, but the welcome which was extended to us by all the saints was truly wonderful. At many of the cities, the home elders had called a special branch testimonial meeting, and we were all able to share our testimonies one with another. I was very thankful for this opportunity because it did make me realise even more the glorious blessings we have contained within the truths of this Gospel.

a head of lettuce and separate the leaves at the same time is to cut out the white core or stem at the base of the head and then let the water flow in. The same method may be used to help wash and separate celery stalks.

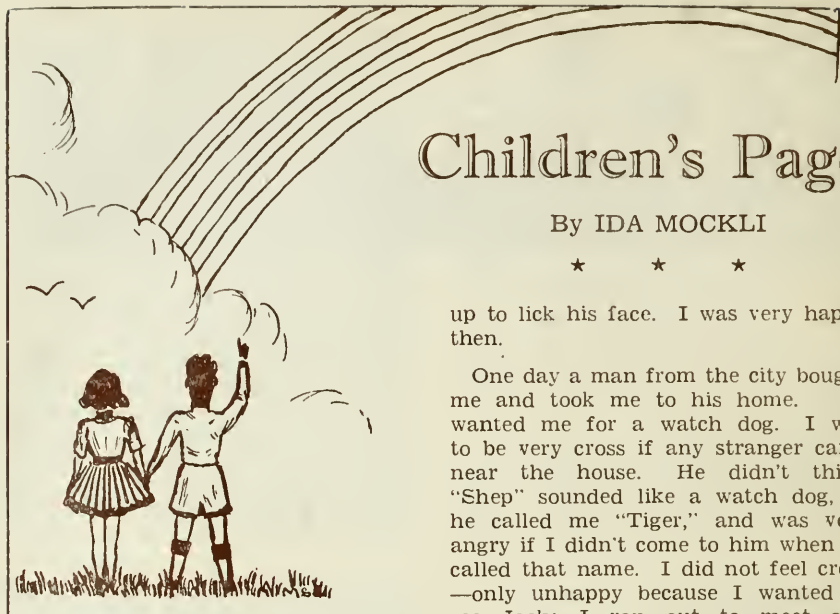
Dresses and skirts hung on a coat hanger to drip without any wringing will have few wrinkles. An aluminium or wooden hanger which will not rust should be used. Shape the wet garments, straightening collar tips and pulling out wrinkles. When removed from the hanger, the garment will need little if any pressing.

In selecting cereals, keep in mind that although the ready-to-serve kinds are convenient, the price per serving is much higher than the kinds of cereals that require cooking. Keep in mind that whole-grain and enriched cereals are more nutritious than the refined grain products.

Probably the best way to realise the possible accomplishments of the trip is to quote President Matis of the Finnish Mission in a letter to me: "As you observed in Finland, the Finns are sports-minded and admire anyone or any team that can beat them fairly. Through our recent basketball efforts, and with your help, many valuable contacts with young and old have been opened up for the presentation of Gospel principles. No conversions can hope to be made by basketball alone, but I know from personal experience that this opens a door for further proselyting."

I would like to express my gratitude and sincere thanks to President Matis, all the Finnish missionaries, the Finnish Basketball Association, the Saints in Finland, and the Finnish people themselves for making my trip so enjoyable and possibly successful. May God always bless the Finnish missionaries in their proselyting endeavours and the Finnish people with an honest and sincere heart that they may be able to realise the blessings of the Gospel—restored in these latter days.

May the fruits of our labours always make known the truthfulness of our cause.



Children's Page

By IDA MOCKLI

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up to lick his face. I was very happy then.

One day a man from the city bought me and took me to his home. He wanted me for a watch dog. I was to be very cross if any stranger came near the house. He didn't think "Shep" sounded like a watch dog, so he called me "Tiger," and was very angry if I didn't come to him when he called that name. I did not feel cross—only unhappy because I wanted to see Jack; I ran out to meet any stranger who came, hoping it would be Jack. People thought I wanted to bite, so my master chained me up; then I howled and tried to get away, but he only put on a stronger chain. How would you feel if you were tied with a chain as I am—a chain only long enough for you to walk a few steps before you had to turn around and walk back again? My new master said, "Nice boy, Tiger," when I barked at strangers, and he scolded me when I let them come in without making a fuss. I learned that he wanted me to be cross, and so I was cross as well as unhappy. Don't you think you would be cross if you were in my place?

When you go by and I bark at you, please remember why I have to be cross, and don't do anything to tease me. I don't want you to come near to me because I have been taught to snap at strangers. Please go by quickly so that I will not be troubled, and do be sorry for me.

For now my name is not Shep and I am not happy. My name is Tiger, and I am always cross. That is the way my master wants me to be.

Shep or Tiger



YOU think my name is Tiger—that is what my master calls me, and so all of the boys and girls who pass here call me that, too. They are afraid of me because I bark and am chained. You don't know that once I was a kind, affectionate dog, and that all of the children loved me.

My first master brought me to his home when I was very small; his little boy was named Jack, and he called me Shep. We used to race through the fields and have a good time. I often barked just for the fun of it, just as you shout when you feel happy. When Jack went to school, I used to wait for him on the porch. As soon as he saw me he would call, "Here, Shep!" Then I would run to him and bark and jump

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pretations of just what those simple teachings were. None of them ever claimed to have received any aid from God; none of them seemed to have "lacked wisdom." But the contributions of these bold men must not be underestimated. They turned men's attention to the "commandments of men" that had crept into the church and boldly asserted that the church had strayed from His ways. Did these men have the sanction of heaven to do these works? Were they of the priesthood of God? To Luther, the priesthood of God was a priesthood of belief only, and many of the other reformers adopted this view.

It wasn't till 300 years later in the spring of 1829 that the Gospel light began to shine forth in all its splendour. Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, two youths in their early twenties, humbly acknowledged to the Lord that they did lack wisdom and they were not upbraided. Power came down out of heaven and truth sprang forth out of the earth, and the day dawn broke by the light of revelation. For three hundred years men had tried to reform a confused church, but they had brought only more confusion. The time had come not for more wisdom but for more faith, and this faith was found in a farm youth on the American frontier.

Where men had before argued and debated over the revelations of God with no apparent success, the youth Joseph Smith quietly asked God for more revelation; where other reformers had all been educated in the principal

universities of their day, Joseph Smith, an unlettered youth, was schooled and taught by the revelations of God. What was needed to bring the world back to the simple teachings of Christ? Revelation from God. Could men themselves do away with all the confusion in the religious world? No, they had proved that by their manifold attempts down through the centuries of time.

And with this divine aid, a series of great events began to happen. On September 22nd, 1827, a record containing the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ was committed to the charge of Joseph Smith to render the translation. On May 15th, 1829, John the Baptist, a resurrected being, visited the earth and restored the powers which he held—power to administer in the ordinances of the Aaronic Priesthood. Shortly after, Peter, James and John returned to restore the Melchizedek Priesthood. And thus was the way opened for the restoration of the gospel. On April 6th, 1830, the Lord, through commandment to his servants whom He had chosen, organised His church again upon the earth. Unlike the handiwork of Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, and others, this restoration was truly "like a stone cut out of the mountain without hands." In further fulfilment of this prophesy of Daniel of old, that stone is rolling throughout the earth and consuming other kingdoms by its only weapon—TRUTH.

And it all started by a few bold men who tried to bring religious tolerance and freedom to a confused world and unconsciously lit candles in the night to prepare the way for the future advent of God's revealed light.

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economy, a national unity and prominence that has inspired the admiration of all freedom-loving peoples.

The foregoing remarks are intended only as a humble tribute to this great country and are placed before you as a background for the counsel that the Mission Presidency feel to offer to all missionaries and Saints of this land. We admonish you to respect and live

up to all the laws of the land regardless of what party may be in power directing the destiny of this country for the time being. We feel that it is right and proper that we should always be on the side of those that support and honour the laws and regulations of the country in which we labour and in which we have our residence. We should never be identified with any "ism" which is working for the destruction of the ideals of this country.

The Will and the Way

JUST a few years ago soon after I entered college and before my grandfather's death, I was sitting one night at the dinner table complaining about things in general. I was "letting off steam," and I was evidently labouring under the impression that a good "gripe" was a tonic for the whole system because I remember delivering quite a lengthy oration about the fact that I was "hard done by." I don't recall what my main complaint was, but I do remember using the word **can't** quite frequently even though my mother had always told me that there was no such word. I think probably my professors were giving me too much work to do, or some of my classes didn't make much sense, or I just felt as if things were piling up on me and I was fighting a losing battle to overcome them.

My grandfather sat quietly across the table from me and listened. As I look back now I realise how foolish I must have sounded to him, but as usual, he didn't portray any such feeling, but looked as if he understood entirely what I was going through. I think perhaps he did more than I knew at the time.

When I had finished and had assumed my most injured look, he said quietly, "The Lord always fits the back to the burden—whatever it is."

I was sceptical. "Where does He say that?" I asked.

He told me, and I immediately got my **Book of Mormon** and read it. Through the years that have passed since then, it has become one of my favourite scriptures. ". . . I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." (1 Nephi 3: 7).

I usually think of it when I get low in spirits or feel it's impossible to finish everything I'm supposed to do or asked to do. And I've always found that Nephi was right—if it's a task that is being undertaken in righteousness, it **can be done with the Lord's help** no matter how impossible it may seem to me.

This is a teaching of one of the choice servants of God,

and as such should be incorporated into our thinking and our lives. But do we do it? Aren't we more inclined to merely say, "It can't be done," and forget it? How often have we neglected to fulfill an assignment or carry out a suggestion in both our everyday lives and our church work just because of this attitude? Many of us won't even try, and we satisfy whatever pangs of conscience we may have by one small word—**can't**.

The worst failures of history have taken place because someone believed too strongly in the power of this word and was fooled. The greatest successes of mankind on the other hand have been brought about by those who ignored the word—those who didn't believe such a word existed and set about to prove it. The accomplishments of the human race would no doubt be far greater if more of us had never learned the concept of **can't**, but now that we have, our only hope is to prove to ourselves once and for all that it needn't be an important consideration in anything we do.

In our daily lives and particularly in our church work, let's remember that we can do **anything** we want to do in righteousness, and we can do **everything** the Lord calls upon us to do. No matter what it is, God will open up the way if we are willing to work and help Him out. He never asks the impossible; we only **think** He does. We don't give Him credit sometimes for knowing a little better than we do what can and must be done not only for our good but for the good of others. The strange thing is that when a task is given us, the Lord not only helps us to do it, but blesses us when it's finished. And when we fail to do it, we are not hindering the work of God, but we are denying ourselves His constant help and His invaluable blessings. We are the only ones who lose.

Have you ever said or thought:—

"I **can't** give up smoking."

"I **can't** do without my cup of tea."

"I **can't** pay my tithing. I **can't** afford it."

"I **can't** go branch teaching. I **can't** find time."

"I **can't** go to church tonight. Too much to do."

"I **can't** help out by taking an office."

You can, you know, if you want to.

THE LORD HAS PROMISED TO HELP YOU.

—MARTIN C. NALDER.

BRITISH MISSION

Arrivals and Assignments

The following missionaries arrived in the British Mission:

Name.	Home.	Assignment (District)
September 27th		
Sister Rose C. Halling	Salt Lake City, Utah	Manchester
Sister Yvonne M. Drake	Jerome, Idaho	London
Sister Rita E. Miller	Taber, Alberta, Canada	Irish
Sister Alice L. Wood	Pocatello, Idaho	Leeds
Sister Agnes Fraser	Salt Lake City, Utah	Birmingham
Elder Paul S. Ashdown	Los Angeles, California	London
Elder Robert P. Romney	Salt Lake City, Utah	Hull
Elder Calvin J. Weeks	Smithfield, Utah	Hull
Elder Samuel H. Lee	Monticello, Utah	Nottingham
Elder Rulon Litchfield	Raymond, Alberta, Canada	Manchester
Elder John L. Knight	Salt Lake City, Utah	Sheffield
Elder Garratt T. Beesley	Salt Lake City, Utah	Nottingham
Elder Peter J. Bullock	Salt Lake City, Utah	Bristol
Elder Glade H. Calder	Vernal, Utah	Irish
Elder Arnold J. Dance	Blackfoot, Idaho	Irish
Elder Lorin L. Jones	Mesa, Arizona	Scottish
Elder Robert W. Bowman	Bell, California	Nottingham
Elder Roland J. Smith	Boise, Idaho	Birmingham
Elder Todd M. Shepherd	Montpelier, Idaho	Birmingham
Elder Bernard W. Baker	Burbank, California	Birmingham
October 4th		
Sister June E. Barlow	Bountiful, Utah	London
Elder Joseph H. Clarke	Salt Lake City, Utah	Leeds
Elder Jay W. Burt	Salt Lake City, Utah	Manchester
Elder Lewis L. Judd	Los Angeles, California	Manchester
Elder Danford L. Crane	Burley, Idaho	Norwich

Appointments and Transfers

The following district transfers of missionaries have recently occurred:

Name	To	From	Date
Elder Glen M. Seely	Bristol	Leeds	September 25th
Elder Orden D. Lowder	Scottish	Nottingham	September 25th
Elder Claude M. Dewsnup	Sheffield	Hull	September 25th
Elder Wm. Thoruton	Welsh	Hull	September 25th
Sister Lois I. Nielsen	Leeds	Manchester	October 5th
Elder Sterling E. Ottesen *	Irish	London	October 8th

* Appointed District President.

Elder Dean R. Stephens was appointed District President of the Birmingham District on September 25th.

Releases

The following were released as missionaries of the British Mission:

Name	Districts
September 2nd	
Elder M. Russ Ballard *	Nottingham
Elder Clarence L. Sirrinc	Czechoslovakian Mission, Birmingham
September 7th	
Sister Essie Gardner	Birmingham, Nottingham, London
September 22nd	
Sister Margaret Hamilton	Scottish, Nottingham
Sister Lillian Haynes	Norwich, Birmingham
Elder Denzil S. Stewart	Manchester
Elder Forrest O. Hall	Manchester, Irish
September 29th	
Elder Donald R. Kirkham	Norwich
October 7th	
Sister Leah Phelps	Birmingham
Sister Ethel C. Crowther	London, Liverpool, Irish
Elder Richard Farraway	Welsh
Elder Oscar W. Thornock	Norwich
October 17th	
Elder David Campbell	Scottish, Millennial Chorus.
Elder Howard B. Leatham **	Birmingham
Elder Paul Barratt	London
Elder Frederick Heywood	Manchester, Sheffield

* Served as District President and 1st counsellor in Mission Presidency.

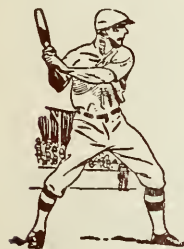
** Served as District President.

District Activities

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by Marion Evans

The sports section of the Summer Festival—rained out in July—was finally held in the Park at Coventry on September 9th. Once again the weather tried to take a hand in the affairs of the day, but with undaunted courage, the Saints went ahead with their programme in spite of the constant drizzle of rain. First of all a softball game was held by the missionaries and some of the members. A large crowd gathered to watch it. Then the field events were run, and Wolverhampton Branch landed at the top of



the list just a few points ahead of Birmingham and Kidderminster who took the second and third places respec-

tively. The total points for the sports will be added to the points gained by each branch in the arts festival, and then the plaque will be awarded to the branch with the highest combined total.

A Farewell Party was given by the Kidderminster Branch for Elder Clarence L. Sirrinc, their branch president, just before he left the district for his home in Arizona. He sailed on September 2nd from Southampton accompanied by a beautiful bull terrier and its fabulous pedigree—said to go back 300 years.

In all the Primaries of the district a flower festival was held during the last month. Many parents attended these to view the handiwork of their children which was displayed in the exhibits of the articles that had been made in Primary during the summer months.

The Winter season of the M.I.A. has begun well. On September 4th, the Wolverhampton Branch held the opening social for their group, and Nun-

DOINGS IN THE DISTRICT



Popular Potpourri

(Left to right, beginning at the top.)

1. The Summer Outing of the Norwich Branch.
2. The lovely young Welsh Dancers of the Doncaster Primary.
3. The Middlesbrough Relief Society shows what they can do—and have done!
4. A scene from the Preston Branch production of "Wild Hobby Horses."
5. A group of sisters of the Sheffield Branch with 25 years' experience in Relief Society work meet at the home of Mrs. Martha Smith.
6. A view of the banquet held for the Grimsby Branch reunion to raise funds for their building project.
7. The scouts of the Sheffield District.

eaton followed with theirs on September 13th. It was attended by 40 people and was directed by Elder Douglas Wallace, the branch president. Kidderminster Branch played some amusing games during their social, and the participants partook with some relish of refreshments served by the sisters.

On September 20th the Kidderminster Branch held a festival for the Primary children. The little girls were dressed as flowers and the boys as Robin Hoods. After a delicious tea, the king and queen of the festival were crowned and the children presented a fine show for their parents.

This branch also displayed their talents at a concert which was presented after Union Meeting on September 23rd. Their M.I.A. is to be highly congratulated.

BRISTOL DISTRICT

Reported by Elder David P. Forsyth

Bristol's booming! Branch conferences, Sunday School and M.I.A. outings, Primary rambles and Branch reorganisations form the bulk of buzzin' autumn activities.

The Bournemouth Bee Hive girls took advantage of the fair skies on September 4th, and with Sister Theodora Johnson made an interesting tour of the Poole potteries.

District President Richard Lambert bid a final farewell to Stroud, Cheltenham and Bournemouth in their respective branch conferences during August. Elder Paul S. Crockett has been sustained as the new D.P. The district hereby wishes President Crockett success in his new calling and bids a fond thank you to President Lambert for his fine work.

The big news from Bristol concerns the big "soshuls" held in honour of Sisters Lucy Mary Battle and Dorothy Geraldine Burrough who left on the "Queen Elizabeth", August 15th, for Zion. A surprise party was sponsored by the Bristol Branch Relief Society for the two sisters on the 10th, which was followed up by a going away social on the 12th. Over 120 friends of the sisters were in attendance, among them a special bus load of 27 from Stroud—a fitting tribute to these two fine women who have been so active in branch and district affairs. At the time of their leaving, Sister Battle was Branch Relief Society President, and Sister Burrough was in the driver's seat of the District Relief Society.

Burnham-on-Sea was the scene of the Bristol Branch Primary and Sunday School outing on August 26th. Thirty-nine people were in attendance and spent a great time boating, flying kites, and sunning.

Rodborough Common was the scene of the rollickin' Sunday School outing of the Stroud Branch. Jim Knipe led his group to victory in the treasure hunt and softball game, while Gillian Wheatley took her share of races in the children's events.

The annual highlight of the year, the Stroud Branch supper, was held last September 2nd with 75 members and friends enjoying an evening of food and entertainment. Brother Harry Beazley acted as Master of Ceremonies for the programme while the Relief Society furnished the food. Elders David Forsyth and Boyd Cullimore presented an American version quiz show, **Answer Quick or Drop Dead**, while Sisters Ivy Holder and Shirley Wheatley entertained with their singing. Every member of the Branch cooperated to make it a great success.

The Cheltenham Branch crowned their Primary Summer Festival Queen, Sheila Williams, on August 29th at this annual event. Margaret Higgins and Maureen Iles took runner-up honours. Outstanding number of the festival was the play, "The King and the Astrologer," presented by the children.

Down Bournemouth way the folks are just getting settled down in their seats again after a Branch reorganisation. For the first time in its two year history the presidency is held by local members. Brother John Willoughby was sustained as branch president with Brother Joseph Hall as first counsellor and Elder George Mitton as second counsellor. Brother and Sister Walter Chiles were in charge of the opening programme of the M.I.A. which was held in the form of a Branch social and feast. The Relief Society, not to be outdone by the rest of the auxiliaries, opened their winter programme with a farewell social for Elder and Sister Johnson. The Bournemouth Branch and Bristol District wishes this fine couple a happy and safe passage back to Zion.

Up in Cheltenham the accent seems to be on M.I.A. work. Under the capable leadership of Sister Edith Hayling and Brother Bob Betteridge the Mutual held their opening winter social and the work is picking up every week. The organisation of a branch Boy Scout

troop is being contemplated by the local brethren. The raising of a Branch Fund was the object of a "cinema night" held at the home of Brother and Sister Bob Green. Several comedy films were shown and refreshments completed the evening's entertainment.

Over in Stroud Branch the Primary is taking the limelight. Under the able guidance of Sister Ivy Holder the Primary children presented their Fall Festival, September 30th. Gillian Wheatley was winner of the activity contest and reigned as Queen over the festivities. Shirley Sylvia attended the queen. Among those on the programme were Ann and Kay Beazley, tap dancing, Ann and Sian Morgan, poetry, Rodney Cave, singing and Madeline Wheatley, dancing.

The Stroud M.I.A. under the leadership of Brother Harry Beazley and Sister Barbara Wheatley have been holding weekly quizzes on the Book of Alma. Lexa Watts has been leading in the quizzes but is being pushed by Brother James Knipe and Sister Gwyneth Morgan.

Bristol Sidelights . . . Elder Peter Bullock recently arrived from Salt Lake City and was assigned to labour in Plymouth with Elder Glen Seely . . . Sister Ivy Holder was called as new district Relief Society Supervisor at the last conference. . . The Bristol Elder's basketball team downed Bristol University 39—30 in a hard fought tilt in the opening game of the winter season.

HULL DISTRICT

Reported by Betty Pashby

The M.I.A. planned a trip to Hesse, "Little Switzerland," on August 29th. Although the weather proved rather wet everyone turned up for the



Treasure Hunt. After begging some help from Brother Aubery who had planted the treasure, most of the people staked their claims. The first two nearest to the treasure were Elder C. Wyatt and Sister Betty Pashby who each received a small prize. The rest of

the evening was spent frying weiners round the campfire and singing songs. In spite of the weather, everyone had a good time.

A treat was in store for the Primary children when they had a party on Tuesday, September 12th. It was partly in honour of three Primary girls, Shirley Harrison, Maureen Scotney, and Ann Gotherless who graduated into M.I.A. and also it was a well deserved reward for the manner the children performed their songs and poems at the Hull District Conference. The sound of happy laughter was proof of the good time which was had by all.

The Grimsby Branch Primary got off with a flying start. Only ten days after Primary began the children and teachers held a Jumble Sale and so marvellous was the spirit and the children were so full of enthusiasm that in just over two hours the money rose to the gigantic sum of £7-3-4!

The branch also gave a surprise farewell social in honour of Elder Wayne M. Webster. M.C. for the evening was Mary Sutton who soon had the many saints and investigators thoroughly enjoying themselves. The first half of the evening started with dancing, and then came the supper! The M.I.A. gave such a big delicious supper that all of it could not be eaten. Elder Robert Hales on behalf of the branch presented an initialed wallet to Elder Webster to take with him as he returns to Zion.

IRISH DISTRICT

Reported by William Stewart

On Wednesday, September 13th, the Dublin Branch began its winter M.I.A. activity with a splendid and heart-warming social. The hall was decorated along a harvest-time theme, and everyone enjoyed themselves in spite of the rain. On the programme were games, dances, and refreshments furnished by the ladies of the branch.

On the same night that the members of the Dublin Branch were enjoying themselves, the members of the Belfast Branch were not to be outdone. Their opening M.I.A. social was one of frolic and games, skits and sketches, while the good sisters of the branch provided refreshments which were really delicious. Elder George C. Scott, as Professor Scott of Oxford, and his prize pupil, Elder Dallas Burnett, made those present rock with laughter at their attempts to hold a quiz. The singing of the Girls' Choir was very much appreciated, as was the number given by Elder Hill, his guitar, and Elder Scott. Brother Terence Dawson who conducted the social also gave a very good

impression of a farmer sowing seeds of love and kindness, and everyone else taking part did very well indeed.

The Irish District's new baptismal font was dedicated and used for the first time on September 18th when Mrs. Helen North of Bangor was baptised a member of the Church. Mrs. North, who is already acting as organist for the Bangor Branch, is a welcome addition to the church membership in Ireland. The new font is located at the district headquarters and local meeting hall in Belfast. President Melvin M. Fillerup offered the dedicatory prayer at the initial baptismal service.

Elder Melvin M. Fillerup accompanied by five boys and scouts of the branch had a wonderful outing on Saturday, October 14th, in lovely Colin Glen near Belfast, where they kindled a fire and enjoyed a pot of Irish stew. It was rather a special outing because Elder Fillerup sailed for home on Monday, October 16th, and he wanted to see this lovely glen for the last time.

He sailed on the "Royal Scotsman", and he was also accompanied by a group of the saints who sang the songs of Zion with him as the ship sailed away. "God be with you 'till we meet again."

LEEDS DISTRICT

Reported by Norah Stephenson

The M.I.A. of the Dewsbury Branch held their opening social on Wednesday, September 6th. An excellent time was had by the 22 people in attendance. The various Seeds of Life were very ably represented, and then community singing and games finished the programme. The evening was a huge success and a good send-off for the coming winter season. The theme of the Leeds Branch opening social



was western, and everyone enjoyed the games and the old time western dances, including the Virginia Reel which were high spots of the programme. Refreshments were served to renew the strength of the participants after their "rough ride!"

In September, the M.I.A. of the

Halifax Branch held their opening social of the winter season. Games and singing were conducted by Elder Jacobsen, Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent. The theme of the social—Friendship Harvest—was ably carried out with the help of the Gleaner Girls, Miss Joyce Stafford and Miss Ruby Bradley, who told stories and read poems on the subject. To add to the entertainment, Sister Ethel Smith sang a solo and Mr. Frank Holroyd played a piano solo. Refreshments were served under the direction of Miss Margaret Coates. Twenty-seven members and friends all shared a very good time.

The Huddersfield Branch is really growing, and there is a fine spirit among the members who are working together. On September 16th they had a trip out to see the Blackpool illuminations, on October 6th they held a Jumble Sale to raise funds for the Relief Society, and on October 7th they held their first branch social. Miss Pearl Buckley and Miss Maureen Grimshaw danced a minuet, and Mrs. Elizabeth Buckley and Mrs. Williamson each sang a solo.

Miss Ruth Laycock, ten years of age, was crowned Queen of the Dewsbury Branch Primary early in September. It was a grand affair. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers all hand made by the children who were dressed themselves to represent flowers. The show was organised and presented by Mrs. Rhona Cunningham.

Also in September the Dewsbury Branch M.I.A. held a banquet. A three-course meal was prepared which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 25 members present. Miss Lucy Ripley, Miss Beatrice Marsden, and Mr. Michael McLeer acted as waiters. The tables were beautifully arranged and there was more food than could be eaten. Toasts were given by Miss Lucy Ripley, Mr. Fred Laycock, Mr. Ronald Cunningham and President James R. Cunningham, the last being the resident comedian of the group.

Once again the Bradford Branch M.I.A. presented a long awaited for Nigger Minstrel Show on September 30th. The recreation hall was packed with 250 people including the mission presidency. There were 14 members in the chorus complete with costumes and make-up, there were seven sidesmen, Fred Laycock took the part of Mr. Interlocutor, and the part of Drums was played by L. Weatherill. The whole show was produced by Jack Pickles

with Vera Firth as music director and Hilda Firth as the pianist.

A social sponsored by the Bradford Sunday School members was held on October 7th. Items of the entertainment included Yorkshire readings by Herbert Walker and Clara Evans. "Hark, Hark the Lark" was sung by Barbara Whittaker, George Fearnley played a violin solo accompanied by Olive Moore who later played a solo also. Refreshments were served under the direction of Barbara Whittaker and Hilda Firth, and Gladys Kirk and Anne Kirk arranged the games. John Bradbury acted as M.C. over the dancing.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

Reported by Josephine Litchfield

Saturday, September 2nd, found the children of all ages in the Preston Branch anxiously searching the skies—this was the day of the Sunday School trip to Southport. The weather was kind and the party of thirty-six children left Preston in high spirits. The day fulfilled its promise, and the children as well as the adults had a most enjoyable day before they returned to Preston about 7 p.m. Elder Dean Bradshaw, Sunday School Supervisor, was in charge of the arrangements.

In Wigan, August 26th was the memorable day for the children because the Sunday School took 42 of them on a coach trip to Blackpool. The children had a priority day, visiting the playgrounds and Blackpool Tower. Mary Tinsley, assisted by Celia Gara and President Herbert Webster, shepherded the wee ones. Elsie Rickard, who did much to make this day possible, was unable to attend because of her father's illness.

Spring burst forth again on September 16th when Nelson Branch Primary presented their Flower Festival. The hall was gaily decked with flowers of every hue, some real, others made of crepe paper. The concert which lasted for over an hour was under the direction of Primary Mother, Alice Slater.

"Thanks be to God" were the words echoed by the members throughout the various branches of the Liverpool District during the annual Harvest Services. Burnley Branch, with thanksgiving in their hearts met together Sunday, October 8th, for their Harvest Festival. Members and friends provided a lovely display of fruit and vegetables for the occasion.

A wonderful spirit prevailed at an M Men and Gleaner Banquet held in Liverpool, September 22nd. The honoured guests were the parents of the young people of the branch. It helped to weld a little tighter the already existing bond of love and friendship.

Dress as you please! In mother's new hat or father's gardening boots—it didn't make any difference at a social held in Accrington. The Beehives and M.I.A. Maids under the direction of Bee Keeper Alice Vernon provided a scrumptious supper. With such a variety of costumes and activities, a fun packed evening was enjoyed by all.

Blackburn wishes to report a very inspiring branch conference. The afternoon session was devoted to reports from the various auxiliaries and talks given by Anthony and Francis Brown. Joan Hutchinson presented a poem on "Aspects of Reading the Bible." Marie Brown offered an inspiring talk on "Why I joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." The day was climaxed by a visit from President and Sister Taylor and Elder Kellis whose words of inspiration and advice will long live in the hearts of the members of the Blackburn Branch.

Grandmother may have had a lovely garden, but so did the children of the Preston Primary. Under the direction of Sister Zelda Cuthbert the Preston hall was transformed into a garden and an enjoyable concert was presented to friends and parents. Miss Patricia Nutter was crowned queen of the Flowers by President George Jamison.

LONDON DISTRICT

Reported by Jean Silsbury

Catford Branch Conference was held on Sunday, August 27th, at the Lewisham Town Hall. District President Jesse N. Udall presided over the meeting and Branch President Jerry K. Lawrence conducted. The 35 in attendance heard many inspirational messages from local brethren and local missionaries.

A new branch was organised at Southampton on Sunday, September 3rd, by District President Jesse N. Udall. There were thirty-three in attendance at the meeting held in the Cotswold Hotel. Elder James Ashton was appointed Branch President, with Elder H. A. Heslington as Sunday School superintendent and Miss Jean Hobbs as teacher and pianist. The district wishes its newest branch con-

tinued success in its future endeavours.

The M.I.A. opening night on September 5th went off well in most branches. At Luton twenty-eight enjoyed the evening's entertainment, during which a number of people were called from the audience to take part in an unrehearsed comedy. This caused a great deal of hilarity from the group. Catford Branch M.I.A., reorganised after a long break under the direction of John Wood and Yvonne Silsbury, welcomed 22 at their opening meeting. After games and an instructive programme, those present enjoyed solos sung by Gwendoline Silsbury. Over in South London about 60 members and friends attended their social which was under the direction of Elder David Gledhill. After a few "get acquainted" games, a short programme was presented in which all participated, and this was followed by refreshments and further entertainment. We hope that these successful socials mean equally successful and expanding M.I.A.s through the winter months.

Brighton Branch held a Pie and Chip supper on Saturday, September 16th, in honour of Elder Viri R. Nuttall who was leaving the branch. The activities were held at the home of Sister Wiers, and each member gave a small donation to the branch for some new song books.

The M.I.A. of the South London Branch held a large dance on September 23rd at which there were about 60 members and friends. The music was provided by the gramophone which the M.I.A. has bought for itself. Delightful refreshments were served by Sisters Enid Critchfield and Rosalie Singer.

North London Branch Conference was held on September 24th. The District President, Jesse N. Udall, was in attendance and gave a fine address. During the evening, Elder Sherman B. Sheffield was released with a vote of thanks from his position as branch president as he will shortly be returning home. The congregation was thrilled to hear three items during the evenings from the South London Branch Gleaner Chorus directed by Gwendoline Silsbury.

Oxford Branch held a party on October 6th to say "farewell" to Elder Barrat and to start their M.I.A. season with a bang! The party was held at the home of Mrs. Paterson where there was plenty to eat and fun for all. Brother Wesley Normine was appointed M.I.A. president with Naomi Blagrove

and Pamela Davis as his assistants.

Sixty-five sat down to the South London Branch M Men and Gleaner Banquet on October 6th. The theme of the banquet was the Pioneers' journey to Utah and the menu was arranged accordingly and included Prairie Hen (chicken), Buffalo Still Gherkin (pork), Boiled Indian Beads (vegetables), Pioneer's Mirage (ice cream), and Indian Delight (lemon pie). President and Sister Richards, President Jesse N. Udall, Elder Jerry Lawrence and Sister Kerma Merrill the district M.I.A. supervisors were present for the festivities. The entire evening was under the direction of the Gleaner leader, Sister Eva Collard, and the programme was arranged by Gwendoline Silsbury.

Catford Branch held a welfare banquet on October 7th. The 23 members of the branch enjoyed a meal of produce from the branch's allotment at the home of Sister Alice Wood.

South London Branch Conference was held on October 15th with Elder Martin C. Nalder conducting and President Jesse N. Udall presiding. During the evening session, several fine addresses were given and there was a wonderful spirit in the meeting. Mrs. Myrtle Robertson rendered a solo, and the Gleaner Chorus also sang two numbers under the direction of Gwendoline Silsbury.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT

Reported by Marjorie Sharples

The District Primary Festival was held on August 30th in the Denton Branch. Eighty children attended and joined in the games. The programme was under the direction of Sister Irene Wardle of the newly-formed Ashton Branch. The refreshments quickly disappeared, and eighty tired but happy children, supporting very tired Primary Mothers, wended their way home. The programme was made doubly successful through the efforts of District Supervisor Lois Nielson.

On August 19th, the Teachers' Strength and Endeavour Group held their first TESTENGRO Social. There were 183 people in attendance. The activities of the evening were under the direction of Sister Lyndon G. Eakett and Elders Jerry D. Wells and Denzil S. Stewart. Instructions were given on the uses of the blackboard and flannelgraph by Sisters Eakett and Nielson. A quiz was conducted by Elder Wells on the gospel of Matthew. Co-winners were President Sylvester Dale of the

Rochdale Branch and Brother Kewely of the Oldham Branch. Brother Ron Glassey of Stockport Branch gave a very entertaining comedy act. Refreshments were served at the end of the evening. The committee sincerely hope everyone is looking forward to the next TESTENGRO.

The Primary of the Bury Branch presented a lovely children's service for the Sunday evening meeting on the 6th of August. The Primary Mother, Sister Heyes, was in charge of the programme.



On the 11th of August, the Bury Branch Relief Society held a

Jumble Sale which proved to be very successful. Approximately £7 were collected, and special thanks go to President Edith Rickard and her helpers for their fine work on this project.

The Chairman of the Bury Branch Genealogical Society, Sister Doris Taylor, gave a very interesting and enlightening talk at the Sunday evening service on September 3rd. This very important work, she reported, is progressing most favourably in the branch.

A farewell party was given at the Bury Branch in honour of Elder Denzil S. Stewart which was indeed a memorable occasion. Elder Stewart was presented with a travelling rug by Sister Edith Rickard as a parting gift from the members and friends of the branch. Everyone extended their heartfelt thanks to Elder Stewart for the fine work he has done and wished him every happiness in the future. The following day, Elder Stewart gave a beautiful and inspiring talk at the Sacrament Meeting. Seventy-five people were present to hear him, listen to the musical numbers supplied by Brother Field of Oldham and Sister Hoyle and her daughter, Dorothy, of Rochdale, and to partake of the lovely spirit of the service.

October 14th found the Oldham Branch enjoying a Halloween party. During the course of the evening, a fancy dress parade was held, and the costumes judged by President Brigham D. Gardner and President Robert F. Clyde. Refreshments were served, musical items were enjoyed, and on the whole the evening was very successful.

Stockport had a very entertaining evening the night of October 7th in

the form of a Dutch Social. The ladies put on their Dutch bonnets and aprons, and the men had on their caps and baggy trousers. Games were played, songs were sung, plenty of nice cakes were eaten, and everyone had a laughing good time.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Reported by Evelyn Young

Darlington Branch held its conference on Sunday, September 10th, which was conducted by Elder Boyd K. Storey and presided over by District President E. Woodrow Hunter. Several of the Sunday School scholars gave poems during the afternoon session. "High on the Mountain Top" was rendered delightfully by the branch chorus, and all in attendance felt it was a day well spent when they heard the words of God given in talks by President Woodrow Hunter, Elders Boyd K. Storey, James Bench, Donald L. Waterworth, Mrs. Leonora Edwards and Miss Joan Carbert.

To conclude a most successful summer programme, the M.I.A. of Sunderland Branch, under the leadership of Y.M.M.I.A. President Bruce McGuire, visited Durham on August 30th and spent a most enjoyable afternoon rowing on the River Wear. Under the shade of overhanging trees, oars were abandoned and a delicious meal served. The next item was a tour of the ancient cathedral at Durham and the monk's dormitory where ancient manuscripts were displayed. Unfortunately the rain started so it was decided to return to Sunderland where the evening concluded by attending a movie.

The new season opened with a swing in this branch when the M.I.A. opening social was held on September 7th. The programme was very much enjoyed and the remainder of the evening was devoted to games under the direction of President M. A. Derbyshire and Elder Thomas V. Thomas, Jr. Cakes, ice cream and minerals were served during the evening.

Through the efforts of Elder Bunker and the M.I.A. President Gordon Sloan, Carlisle M.I.A. had the opportunity of visiting the newspaper offices of the "Cumberland News" on Thursday evening, August 31st. Here a guide conducted them round and told them just how a "newspaper goes to print"—from the receiving of the news until the newspaper comes off the roller. As the first copies of the next day's papers came off the press, each member of the

M.I.A. was given a copy as a memento of their visit.

The Relief Society sisters and members of the M.I.A. presidency of Newcastle City Branch held an opening social on Wednesday, September 13th. Further talents were discovered, especially when an investigator came along with his "one string fiddle" and gave a selection of tunes. Everyone enjoyed the union and harmonised singing of Elders G. R. Parker and R. R. Adams, and especially appreciated the rendition of "When you come to the end of a lollipop." We anticipate hearing more of these new "discoveries" at further social functions.

Members and friends of the district attended a farewell party at Newcastle City Branch on September 30th held in honour of Miss Audrey Mealy who will shortly be sailing to make her home in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Over 60 people were present and able to enjoy a conjuring show presented by Mr. J. Davies, an investigator, and the beautiful singing of Audrey and her mother without which no party would be complete in this branch. This will be only one of the things for which she will be missed both in branch and district functions because she has been an ardent worker for the church. Elder Boyd K. Storey on behalf of the district presented her with a beautiful "Old Bleach" tablecloth as a token of love. We all wish her **Pleasant Sailing!**

The Middlesbrough Relief Society sponsored a hot dog supper (with onions) on the 25th of September to mark the opening of their winter programme at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burns. Those two famous magicians, Elders Newbold and Barclay, baffled the 24 saints present, and the games, also under the direction of Elder Newbold, kept everybody laughing all evening.

On October 13th, the Monkseaton Primary of Newcastle City Branch held a social in honour of Elder George R. Parker who will shortly be leaving for home. Nineteen children wearing paper hats enjoyed a lovely tea provided by the Primary Mother Gladys Legge and her sister, E. Cole. Elders Parker and Adams are now collecting old rags after spending all their pocket money for prizes for the "fish pond". After a go at Button, Button and Farmer's in the Dell, Elder Parker escorted his family of nineteen home. After the party, the eleven adults discussed current affairs over a delicious meal provided by Mrs.

Cole.

Carlisle Branch has forwarded a summary of their activities during the summer (if we can call it that!). A Primary has been organised with Elder Gordon Sloan as Primary mother. It started out with eight children and now has grown to 21. The M.I.A. held two outings: to Wetheral and Cumerdale, under the direction of Branch President Edward Bunker, and the M.I.A. has copied the tombstones of the Carlisle Cathedral and spent five hours copying library records. Although this branch is isolated from the rest of the district, they are indeed an active group and can set us all an example.

NORWICH DISTRICT

Reported by Elder Merrill Snow

The Norwich Branch began the 1950-51 M.I.A. year with a "smashing" social held on September 12th. The theme was "Seeds of Good Principles," and those who took part on the outlined programme were L. Cook, Elder C. R. Oniones, Myra Wicks, Betty Hinde, Tom Watts, John Rix, Elder M. Snow and Olga Chapman.

The Lowestoft Mutual had camp fires on the evenings of August 22nd and September 12th. These were held on the Corton Beach in real "western" style with the roasting of marshmallows and the singing of songs included in the programme of events. Brother Les Coleby presided at both gatherings.

The Sunday School of the Lowestoft Branch held its annual treat on Everitt's Park in Oulton Broad on August 24th. Fifty were in attendance to enjoy the softball game and the refreshments. Because of rain, the children had to wait a week to take their promised boat trip. Two boats were used, and when one engine failed, a towing operation resulted. The children loved it!

Sunday, September 10th, and Monday the 11th were Harvest Festival Days in this branch. The Sacrament Meeting talks were on the harvest theme, and an auction of the produce was held on the following evening with Ron Coleby wielding the gavel. A considerable amount was taken into the fund. About 38 were in attendance both nights.

On September 21st, Lowestoft Primary held a flower festival. Pamela Knight was crowned queen. The children recited poetry and sang songs. Refreshments were served.

The Lowestoft Branch held their opening "fireside" of the season on

October 1st at the home of Brother and Sister Parker. About 20 people attended.

Elder Wayne Thornock was honoured with a farewell on October 3rd. A delicious tea was served, games were enjoyed, and Elder Thornock received a set of hairbrushes in a case from the branch. The farewell was attended by about 50 people.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT Reported by Lydia Oldham

On Saturday, September 9th, the Eastwood Branch Building Committee sponsored a social and "Bring and Buy" sale which proved very successful both because of the good time everyone had and because of the £5 that were realised from it for the new branch hall. A very fine spirit prevailed throughout the evening.

A bus load of saint and friends from



the Mansfield Branch set out on August Monday for a day at the seaside. It was ideal weather, and Skegness welcomed us with lots of sunshine and fun on the sands and in the sea. The thanks of the saints are ex-

tended to the M.I.A. President, Hilda Rossiter, who organised the outing for them.

A social on Friday, September 8th, opened the winter season of the Nottingham M.I.A. The evening was spent in playing games and in singing many favourite M.I.A. songs under the direction of Sisters Joyce Bowler and Jose Gilbert. The refreshments were served by Elders Hollis Cordingly and Harold Jones. Everyone present had a wonderful time and looks forward to the many more ahead under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement Association.

The Nottingham Branch Sunday School held a very successful party on September 24th. A fine programme and games were enjoyed by those present, and the proceeds of the evening will be used for new song books for the Sunday School.

One of the most delightful looking homes in Nottingham now is the church headquarters, Trentmore. The interior has all been redecorated and is the pride of those who live there and all the missionaries in the district. The work of painting, papering, laying new

carpets and lino was under the direction of Elder Lloyd Oldham and Elder Aidred. All the elders did a very fine job assisting in this work, and we are all very proud of Trentmore.

Mansfield had a lovely M.I.A. social on September 23rd under the direction of President Hilda Rossiter. Every one of the members and friends present enjoyed the evening of fun and games which came to an end far too soon.

On Saturday, September 30th, the Leicester Primary held their annual treat. A picture show was followed by an ice and games. The affair was under the supervision of Primary officers Doreen Green, Maud Lee, and Lilian Headley. Many thanks are also due to Sisters Eveline Gent and Winnifred Kendle for their help.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT Reported by Kenneth Porter

Games were planned for Tuesday, August 22nd, but when 7 p.m. arrived we had to follow an alternative plan because of the rain. We all repaired to the home of Sister Nelson where we spent a very pleasant evening playing games. On the following Tuesday, we in Edinburgh had our final summer activity, and what more fitting than that we should have an indoor talent night. We all enjoyed to the full the songs, piano recitals, and stories given by various members. Some fine dancing was provided by the Bee Hive Girls and some excellent stories by the Elders.

The Edinburgh Primary is doing fine and is eagerly looking forward to the flower festival. The Relief Society is still in the groove, and this month has been busily bottling 50 quarts of fruit and vegetables for the welfare project.

Sister Margaret Hamilton who laboured amongst us for 13 months has made a complete recovery from her operation and left for Salt Lake City on the 19th of September. We all wish her every blessing possible and may God always watch over her.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT Reported by Arvilla Smith

Sheffield Branch Conference was held September 24th in the L.D.S. chapel. District President Pierson presided over all the meetings, and the afternoon session was combined with a Harvest Festival display of fruits, flowers and vegetables. An appropriate service of inspirational talks given by Sheffield missionaries was accompanied by sev-

eral items of sacred music. Saints and investigators enjoyed the uplifting occasion.

The following night, the Relief Society sisters held a social evening for the sale of goods received for the Harvest Festival. Presentations were sent to the sick and needy and the profit made was given to the branch welfare fund. Refreshments were also sold and enjoyed.

The M.I.A. Autumn Ball was held in the Sheffield recreation hall on September 23rd. The hall was tastefully decorated in the autumn colours and much patience had been used in planning and representing each of the M.I.A. movements. Pan Pan Patch and Virginia Reels were two popular parts of the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were arranged and sold by the Beehive Girls.

Representatives of the Sunday School Board attended the convention in Sheffield Chapel on September 23rd.

A very enjoyable social evening (the first of its kind in this branch) was held in Rotherham, September 9th. Elder Welling was responsible for the enjoyable evening, and he was assisted by the Hampstead family who were in charge of the entertainment. The evening concluded with some jolly community singing conducted by President Holton of the Doncaster Branch.

The Sheffield Branch Primary held a social evening, September 30th, under the direction of Primary Mother Dorothy Bailey and her assistants.

WELSH DISTRICT

Reported by Margaret Wanda Loosle

Cardiff branch M.I.A. opening social was a success. After a number of games which included "Bumpety Bump, Bump" and "Guess Who?" had been played, the evening



was rounded off with a game of Round Robin table tennis. Refreshments were served.

The children of Cardiff Primary happily benefited from a colourful flower festival held September 5th; stories, poems, and songs were presented by them.

Cardiff has recently organised another primary in Ely.

Pontypool held a semi-annual Branch Conference last month with

President Charles L. Welling as the guest speaker. Some very fine reports were given by John Forward for Sunday School, Mavis Howells for Relief Society, Sister Ivy Parry Forward for Primary, and brief remarks were given by the newly-appointed M.I.A. Presidents Bill Forward and Violet Lewis.

At the District Conference, President Stayner Richards granted permission to the Pontypool Branch to begin a building fund campaign to erect a meeting hall they can call their own. This has been the desire of the Saints for a long time, and with the interest and enthusiasm shown in the past few months this desire has become a reality. At a recent meeting of all the saints, a building committee was organised to take care of the details of the building programme. The saints have agreed to raise 30 per cent. of the total cost among themselves through bazaars, jumble sales and individual contributions.

Oh how, we'll make our chorus swell, "All is well, All is well!" now that Merthyr has a new organ. The sacred hymns will be played by the capable hands of Jean Davis.

The M.I.A. programme in Cardiff is progressing well, and a tableau was recently presented on the first four chapters of Alma in the **Book of Mormon**. One obstacle which had to be overcome was the fact that there was no curtain available. As narrator, Murial Miller therefore called "Curtain!" when the audience was to open or close their eyes. All present are now looking forward to future tableaux on further chapters.

On October 14th, a Sunday School Convention was held in Cardiff. A good attendance from all branches in the district were present and they all benefited from the words of counsel and advice given by the visitors from the Mission Sunday School Board. Brother George Bickerstaff spoke on "Teaching Aids" and Sister Norma Weight on "Music in Sunday School".

If one was to have a bird's eye view of the Welsh District priesthood gathering data for genealogy, this is what he would see: In Llandaff Cathedral Cemetery, Elder Wilcox—toothbrush in hand—cleaning off moss filled engravings while dictating to his scribe, Elder Seely. Over in Merthyr, Elder Reimann looks rather comical practically standing on his head to decipher some of the stones, and doing his "daily dozen" with a set of springs is Elder Howard so

that he'll be in shape to lift a few stones.

Merthyr M.I.A. is proud to announce that firesides have been organised and are going in full swing with June Singer as president. The enthusiasm is great and **One Hundred Years of Mormonism in Great Britain** is being used as the manual.

Primary workers at Pontypool were

well paid for their efforts toward their flower festival held September 21st. About 30 children participated, and corsages of artificial flowers made by Hilda Parry were presented to the twelve mothers in attendance. Miss Shirley Hicks, who reigned as queen of the festival was crowned by President Charles L. Welling. Refreshments were also served.

Personals

BAPTISMS

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

August 26th

Nora Evelyn Hunt of Birmingham

September 2nd

Marian Evans of Birmingham

September 23rd

Albert E. Moore of Wolverhampton

Jane A. Nash of Wolverhampton

Peggy A. Moorhouse of Birmingham

Winnifred G. Edwards of Birmingham

Nora W. Apperley of Birmingham

September 24th

Karl Heidle of Kidderminster

Edna D. Heidle of Kidderminster

BRISTOL DISTRICT

August 20th

Christopher Robin Bowen

Gwyneth Griffiths Morgan

William H. Beazley

Gillian Mary Wheatley

Olive Gwendoline Tucker

William Reginald Middleton

Maureen Sylvia Iles

Roma Winifred Joan Iles

Dora Higgins Iles

Arthur Haling

October 15th

James F. Knipe of Cheltenham

Maqueritte J. Knipe of Cheltenham

Carryl Anne Morgan of Cheltenham

Edward Hughes Morgan of Cheltenham

HULL DISTRICT

August 19th

Sandra Woods of Grimsby

Carol Ann Woods of Grimsby

James Bibby of Hull

Amelia Bibby of Hull

Ivy Vilma Bennett of Hull

LEEDS DISTRICT

August 26th

Colin Hargreaves of Leeds

Anthony Hargreaves of Leeds

Baptised by

Confirmed by

Elder E. B. Morrell

Elder G. A. Wardrop

Elder R. L. Wright

Elder Arthur C. Day

Elder J. W. Brooks

Elder K. L. Hatch

Elder J. W. Brooks

Elder H. B. Leatham

Elder R. L. Wright

Elder G. A. Wardrop

Elder R. L. Wright

Elder G. L. Holland

Elder E. B. Morrell

Elder D. C. Bickmore

Elder H. B. Leatham

Elder J. W. Brooks

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Elder H. B. Leatham

Elder Don V. Black

Elder D. P. Forsyth

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Elder B. L. Cullimore

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Elder D. P. Forsyth

Elder P. S. Crockett

Elder B. L. Cullimore

Elder R. D. Lambert

Elder R. D. Lambert

Elder E. C. Cahoon

Elder E. C. Cahoon

Elder R. M. Wilcox

Ronald Green

Elder R. M. Wilcox

Elder C. Bradbury

Elder R. M. Wilcox

Elder H. P. McEwen

Elder R. M. Wilcox

F. Cotton-Bretridge

Elder B. L. Cullimore

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Elder W. M. Webster

Elder E. Roberts

Elder W. M. Webster

Elder D. N. Phelps

Elder W. Thornton

Elder C. Dewsnup

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Elder W. Thornton

Elder E. D. Roberts

Elder Glen Seely

Elder R. H. Wood

Elder Glen Seely

Elder James Hook

	Baptised by	Confirmed by
Christine Ann Hargreaves of Leeds	Elder Glen Seely	Elder R. C. Robertson
Blanche Mary Yewdall of Huddersfield	Elder Elton Harmon	Elder B. E. Tew, Jr.
Robert S. Yewdall of Huddersfield	Elder Elton Harmon	Elder T. Swainston, Jr.
September 9th		
Mary Arlene of Huddersfield	Elder T. Swainston, Jr.	Elder B. E. Tew, Jr.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

Emily B. Brown	Elder H. E. Coltrin	Elder H. E. Coltrin
Anthony A. Brown	Elder H. E. Coltrin	Elder R. M. Haynie
Francis L. Brown	Elder H. E. Coltrin	Elder W. R. Olson
Ivan T. Worthington	Elder H. E. Coltrin	Elder J. M. Taylor
Elizabeth A. M. Worthington	Elder H. E. Coltrin	Elder R. S. Kellis
George Riley	Elder J. Rose	Elder W. R. Olson
Edna H. Riley	Elder J. Rose	Elder R. M. Haynie
Clive Riley	Elder J. Rose	Elder H. Shorrock
Kenneth Stirland	Elder S. Kimball	Elder G. G. Jamieson
Ronald Scott	Elder S. Kimball	Elder D. H. Bradshaw
Lionel Fullwood	Elder J. B. Green	Elder R. S. Kellis
Hilda M. Jones	Elder J. B. Green	Elder F. E. Matheson
Josephine B. Hennessy	Elder J. B. Green	J. B. Hennessy
Ella Gara	Elder J. B. Green	Elder J. M. Taylor
Mary Anne Byrne	Elder J. B. Green	Elder E. Griffin

LONDON DISTRICT

August 25th		
Grace Nash McKeown of N. London	Elder S. B. Sheffield	Elder P. Gillies
Dougal C. McKeown of N. London	Elder S. B. Sheffield	Elder K. B. Romney
September 9th		
Bryan B. Gardner of N. London	Elder K. R. Romney	Elder H. Wilkinson
Peter John Martin of Oxford	Elder J. K. Lawrence	Elder S. B. Sheffield
Alice C. E. Wood of Catford	Elder J. Ashton	Elder Jesse Udall
Ada Ivy N. James of Catford	Elder J. K. Lawrence	Elder Jesse Udall
Joyce C. Cook Wendlandt of Brighton	Elder R. Smith	Elder Viri Nuttall
Stanley David Cattermole of Reading	Elder A. Rosenvall	Elder Jesse Udall
September 18th		
Phil Blease of South London	Elder M. C. Nalder	Elder J. N. Udall
September 23rd		
John Farnie of North London	Elder S. B. Sheffield	Elder Keith Romney
Minnie Farnie of North London	Elder S. B. Sheffield	Elder M. Fowers
October 5th		
Edith Mary Stallard of S. London	Elder D. Simister	Elder M. C. Nalder
Margaret E. Stallard of S. London	Elder D. Simister	Elder G. Bethers
October 14th		
Terence F. Greenwood of S. London	Elder V. Nuttall	Elder J. N. Udall
Mary B. R. Greenwood of S. London	Elder V. Nuttall	Elder E. Morrell
William Whyte of Luton	Elder D. Carroll	Elder D. Carroll

MANCHESTER DISTRICT

August 14th		
Victor A. Vernon of Bury	Elder D. S. Stewart	Elder R. F. Clyde
L. B. Vernon of Bury	Elder D. S. Stewart	Elder R. F. Clyde
September 15th		
Margaret W. Penny of Ashton	Elder S. C. Mann	Elder R. L. Dewsnup
Frank Penny of Ashton	Elder S. C. Mann	Elder R. L. Dewsnup
Joyce Smith of Ashton	Elder S. C. Mann	Elder R. L. Dewsnup
Lucy Green Booth of Stockport	Elder G. W. Vance	Elder J. M. Grow
October 5th		
Alfred Entwistle of Ashton	Elder S. C. Mann	Elder R. L. Dewsnup

	Baptised by	Confirmed by
October 13th		
Norman Coxon of Ashton	Elder S. C. Mann	Elder R. L. Marcusen
Edith Travis Coxon of Ashton	Elder R. L. Marcusen	Elder S. C. Mann
Wilfred Hyde of Denton	Elder J. M. Grow	Elder B. D. Gardner
Jesse K. Waud Hyde of Denton	Elder J. M. Grow	Elder J. A. Green
Winifred Waud of Denton	Elder J. M. Grow	Elder R. Robertson
Alexandra G. M. Eastwood of Denton	Elder J. M. Grow	Elder S. C. Mann
Rachel Hope Cavanaugh of Denton	Elder J. D. Wells	Elder L. R. Gardiner

NORWICH DISTRICT

October 1st

John W. Catchpole of Norwich	Elder M. Snow	Elder V. E. Jackson
May Maud Catchpole of Norwich	Elder M. Snow	Tom Watts
Harold Catchpole of Norwich	Elder M. Snow	Elder M. Snow

SCOTTISH DISTRICT

September 10th

Isabella B. H. Nelson of Edinburgh	Elder D. E. Willden	Elder D. B. Timmins
Elizabeth R. Foote of Edinburgh	Elder H. Dalgleish	Elder D. B. Timmins

September 17th

James Paterson, Jun., of Edinburgh	Elder K. M. Tingey	Elder D. R. Campbell
James Paterson, Sen., of Edinburgh	Elder K. M. Tingey	Elder D. R. Campbell
James A. Thomson of Edinburgh	Elder K. M. Tingey	Elder D. R. Campbell
Olevine F. Porter of Edinburgh	Elder K. M. Tingey	Elder D. R. Campbell
Kenneth A. Porter of Edinburgh	Elder K. M. Tingey	Elder D. R. Campbell

WELSH DISTRICT

October 16th

Clifford Cawley of Merthyr Tyd.	Elder D. H. Seely	Elder R. M. Wilcox
June Ailee Cawley of Merthyr Tyd.	Elder D. H. Seely	Elder R. M. Wilcox
Winston F. Thomas of Merthyr Tyd.	Elder D. K. Whatcott	Elder W. Thornton
Jean Ann Thomas of Merthyr Tyd.	Elder K. Ransom	Elder W. Thornton
Sheila K. Thomas of Merthyr Tyd.	Elder D. Koplin	Elder P. Hancock

BLESSINGS

Geraldine Mary Finnis of Gravesend	July 9th	William Finnis
Marian Wheatley of Stroud	July 30th	Elder R. D. Lambert
Susan Moore of Birmingham	August 6th	Elder J. W. Brooks
John Tennant of Birmingham	August 13th	Elder H. B. Leatham
Peter Tennant of Birmingham	August 13th	Elder R. L. Wright
Ian James Cook of Liverpool	August 20th	Elder J. Rose
Barrie Albert Vernon of Bury	August 27th	Elder D. S. Stewart
Evelyn Mary Morris of Liverpool	September 3rd	Brother R. Morris
Andrew Penman Hancock of Darlington	September 10th	Elder E. W. Hunter

Many of our readers must wonder why they could not obtain an issue of the "Millennial Star" last month or why there is a combined October-November issue this month. We feel an explanation is necessary.

Because of a difficulty between the employers and the compositors, most printing in London was stopped during the latter part of September and most of October. By the time work was resumed, it was impractical to print all the back work and the present work also. Therefore, we were forced to double up.

Subscriptions of course will be adjusted so that subscribers will receive their full number of issues.

And we hope that "Star" will appear each month in the future as usual.

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

(Continued)

Ilkeston:

157, Bath Street,
Ilkeston.
(above the Micado
Cafe)
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.15

Ipswich:

Labour Club,
Room 3,
35, Silent Street.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Kiddersminster:

Park Street,
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Leeds:

140a, Woodhouse Lane
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Leicester:

All Saints Open,
Great Central Street
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Liverpool:

301, Edge Lane
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 5.0

Luton:

Dallow Road Hall,
123, Dallow Road
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Mansfield:

39a, Albert Street
Mansfield.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Merthyr Tydfil:

L.D.S. Chapel,
Penyard Road,
Penyard
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Middlesbrough:

A.E.U. Buildings,
Abingdon Road
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Nelson:

92, Railway Street.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Newcastle City:

12, Eldon Square,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Sunday School ... 4.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.15

North London:

59, Clissold Road,
Stoke Newington,
London, N.16.
Sunday School ... 10.45
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Northampton:

89, St. Michael's Road.
Sunday School ... 10.45
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Norwich:

60, Park Lane
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Nottingham:

28, Loughborough
Road West,
Bridgford
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.15

Nuneaton:

Masonic Hall,
Newdegate Place.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Oldham:

Neville Street, off
Middleton Road
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Oxford:

Liberal Hall,
George Street,
Summertown.
Sunday School ... 4.45
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Plymouth:

16, Hermon Terrace,
Peverell, Plymouth.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Preston:

44, Avenham Street.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Reading:

Scouts' Hut on
Callington Road.
Sunday School ... 2.0
Sacrament Meeting 3.0

Rochdale:

L.D.S. Chapel,
Lower Sheriff Street.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Sheffield:

Corner of Lyons Rd.
Ellesmere Rd.
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

South London:

149, Nightingale Lane,
Balham,
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

South Shields:

160, Westoe Road,
Rent and
Ratepayers' Hall,
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

St. Albans:

"The Abbey
Restaurant,"
Holywell Hill,
Sunday School ... 10.15
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Stockport:

Textile Hall,
Chestergate.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Stroud:

Liberal Hall,
Lansdowne Road,
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Sunderland:

18, Tunstall Road,
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Varteg:

St. John's
Ambulance Hall,
Hospital Road,
Pontnewydd.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 4.15

West Hartlepool:

Osbourne Road,
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Wigan:

8, Standishgate,
Over Halfords'
Cycle Shop.
Sunday School ... 2.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Wolverhampton:

Co-operative Guild
Rooms,
Dudley Road and
Wanderer's Ave
Sunday School ... 3.15
Sacrament Meeting 4.30

A Thought for Tomorrow

By ELDER RICHARD L. POPE

When we stand at the Judgement Bar one day
The Lord shall open Life's Book and say,

“Have you loved your brother and fellowman;
Have you done your best—given all you can?

Have you laboured hard, and continually striven
To keep the commandments and laws you've been given?

Have you shouldered your share of the gospel load?
Helped others to find the narrow road?

Have you held fast the faith in your darker hours?
Proved to yourself prayer's boundless powers?

Have you offered a smile and a helping hand
To all others—to make this a better land?

Have you kept yourself pure in body and mind;
Have you gained the respect of all mankind?

Are you entitled to enter God's presence today?
Are you worthy?”

What will you say?